

# **State Law Library** **Summary of Budget Recommendations - House**

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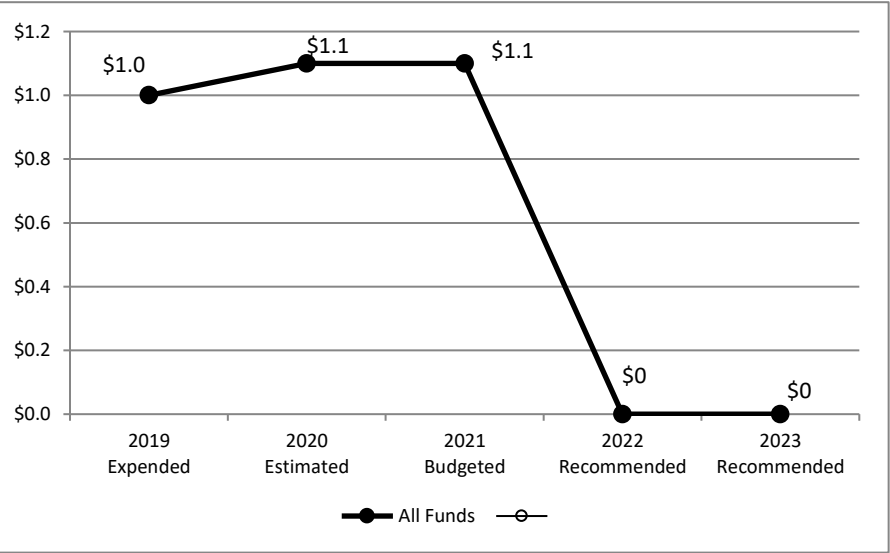
Method of Financing	2020-21 Base	2022-23 Recommended	Biennial Change (\$)	Biennial Change (%)
General Revenue Funds	\$2,113,455	\$0	(\$2,113,455)	(100.0%)
GR Dedicated Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
<i>Total GR-Related Funds</i>	<i>\$2,113,455</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>(\$2,113,455)</i>	<i>(100.0%)</i>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
Other	\$22,592	\$0	(\$22,592)	(100.0%)
<b>All Funds</b>	<b>\$2,136,047</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$2,136,047)</b>	<b>(100.0%)</b>

	FY 2021 Budgeted	FY 2023 Recommended	Biennial Change	Percent Change
FTEs	12.0	0.0	(12.0)	(100.0%)

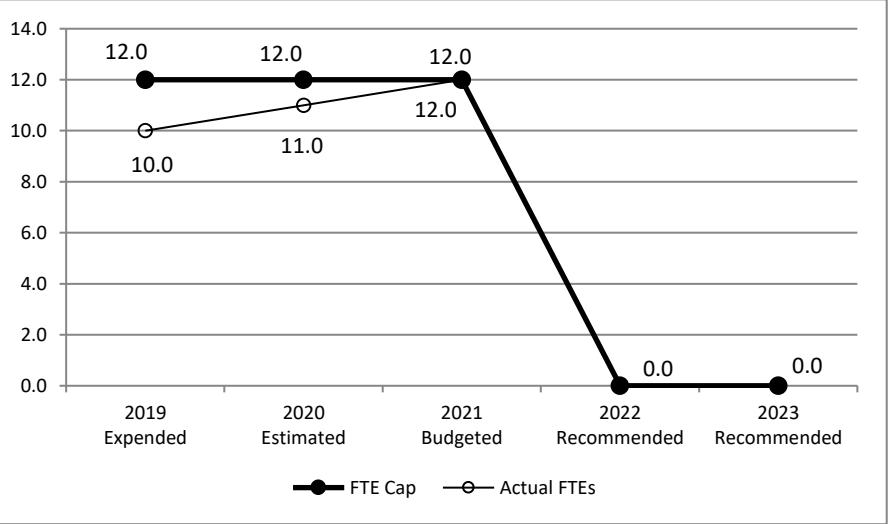
Recommendations transfer funding and FTEs for the State Law Library (SLL) into the bill pattern of the Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council (OCA) contingent on the enactment of legislation transferring all SLL duties, responsibilities, and functions into OCA.

The bill pattern for this agency (2022-23 Recommended) represents an estimated 100.0% of the agency's estimated total available funds for the 2022-23 biennium.

**Historical Funding Levels (Millions)**



**Historical Full-Time-Equivalent Employees (FTEs)**



**State Law Library**  
**Summary of Funding Changes and Recommendations - House**

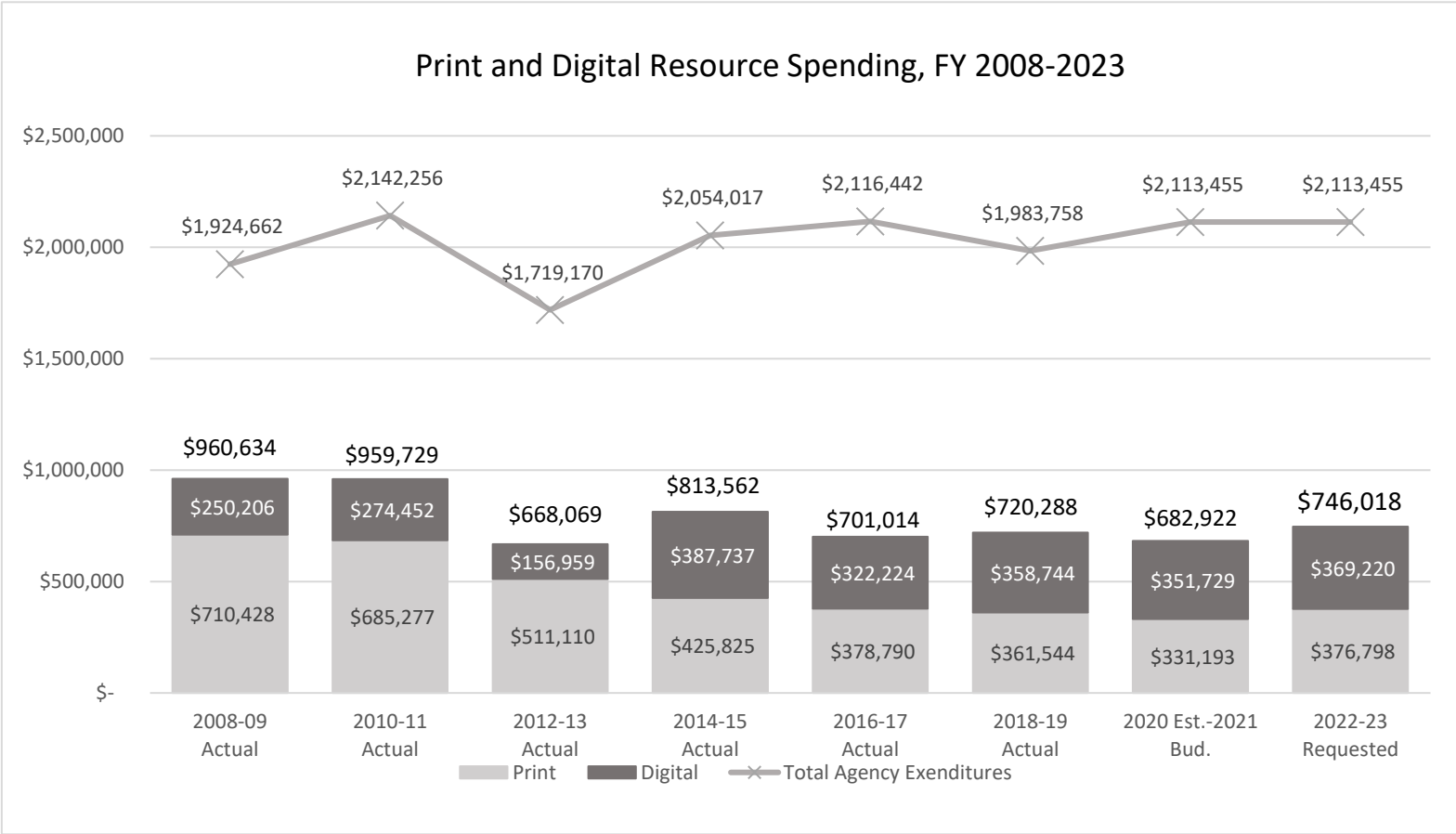
**Section 2**

Funding Changes and Recommendations for the 2022-23 Biennium compared to the 2020-21 Base Spending Level (in millions)		General Revenue	GR-Dedicated	Federal Funds	Other Funds	All Funds	Strategy in Appendix A
<i><b>SIGNIFICANT Funding Changes and Recommendations (each issue is explained in Section 3 and additional details are provided in Appendix A):</b></i>							
A)	No significant funding changes compared to the 2020-21 base.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	-
<i><b>OTHER Funding Changes and Recommendations (these issues are not addressed in Section 3 but details are provided in Appendix A):</b></i>							
B)	No funding changes compared to the 2020-21 base.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	-
<b>TOTAL SIGNIFICANT &amp; OTHER Funding Changes and Recommendations (in millions)</b>		<b>\$0.0</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>	

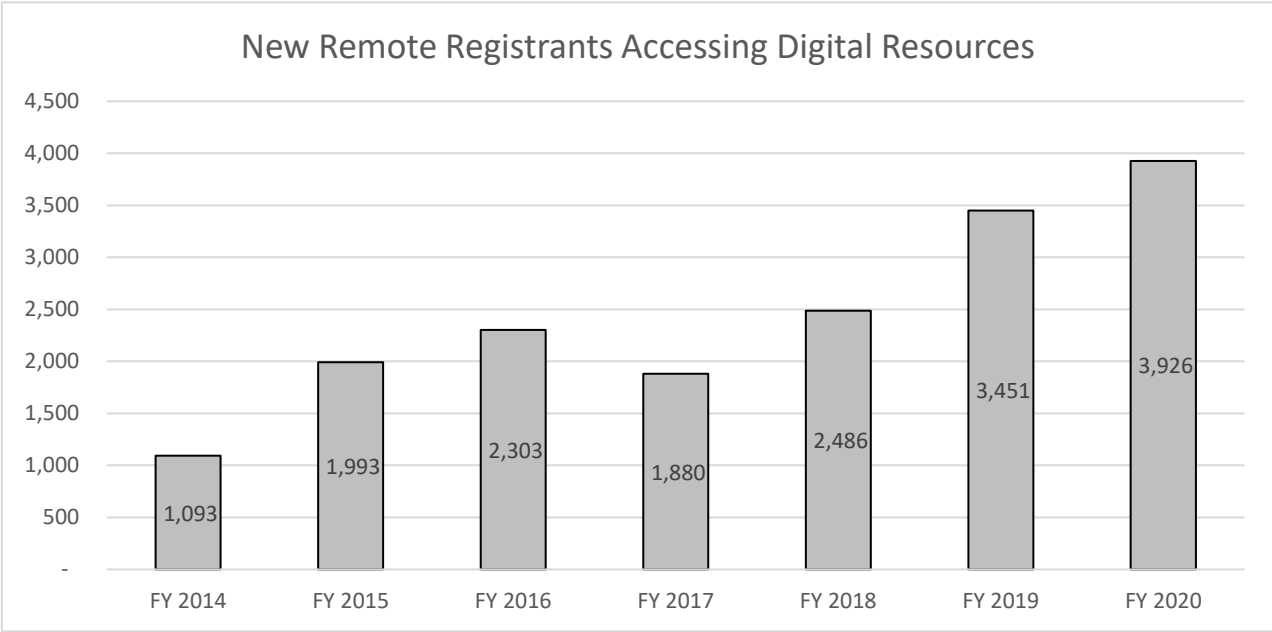
**State Law Library  
Selected Fiscal and Policy Issues - House**

1. **Transfer to Office of Court Administration.** Recommendations transfer 10 FTEs each fiscal year and \$2.1 million in All Funds to the Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council's (OCA) bill pattern to provide funding for the duties and responsibilities of the State Law Library contingent on the enactment of legislation making the transfer. Recommendations continue 2020-21 spending levels in the transfer with less FTEs to provide the same services in a more efficient and cost effective manner. The agency reports that its librarians are cross-trained to carry out some administrative functions unrelated to providing legal reference information to library clients. This change would allow the State Law Library to benefit from OCA's administrative resources and allow its librarians to focus on their primary duties. The reduction in FTEs would result in more money available for acquiring print and digital legal references. (See also, Rider Highlights - House #2)
2. **Contingency Appropriation.** Recommendations include a contingency rider that appropriate \$1,056,727 in fiscal year 2022 and \$1,056,728 in fiscal year 2023 in General Revenue funds; \$7,500 in 2022 and \$7,500 in 2023 in Appropriated Receipts; and 12.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2022 and 12.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2023; restore performance measures at 2020-21 target levels; restore Rider 2, Appropriation of Receipts: Fees and Service Charges, and Rider 4, Unexpended Balances; and restore an Exempt Salary Group 2 Director with a salary cap of \$113,298 to the State Law Library, contingent on the 87<sup>th</sup> Legislature not enacting legislation relating to transferring the duties and responsibilities of the State Law Library into the Office of Court Administration (OCA).
3. **Restoration of 5 Percent Reduction.** Recommendations do not include General Revenue funding of \$111,234 to fund (1) an equity (salary) increase for professional librarian staff withheld in 2021; (2) providing updates and subscriptions for certain legal resources; and (3) funding part of the historical digitization project previously funded and withheld in 2020-21 in amounts transferred to OCA. (See also, Items Not Included in Recommendations - House #1)
4. **Maintain Current Level of Access to Legal Databases and e-books.** Recommendations do not include General Revenue funding of \$58,398 to fund three subscriptions consisting of 5,000 titles, including American Immigration Lawyers Association Online (AILALink), HeinOnline, and Westlaw in amounts transferred to OCA. (See also, Items Not Included in Recommendations - House #2)
5. **Purchase Updates and Supplements to Print Collection.** Recommendations do not include General Revenue funding of \$150,000 to purchase updates for selected key titles and purchase new titles for the library's print collection in amounts transferred to OCA. (See also, Items Not Included in Recommendations - House #3)
6. **Library-quality book scanner.** Recommendations do not include General Revenue funding of \$11,000 to purchase a new book scanner. The library's current scanner has been discontinued and is no longer serviceable by the manufacturer. A new scanner would be used to scan and provide court personnel and other library users, as well as to visually-impaired customers, material only otherwise available in print in amounts transferred to OCA. (See also, Items Not Included in Recommendations - House #4)
7. **Restore professional librarian position cut in 2010.** Recommendations do not include General Revenue funding of \$124,000 to fund an additional librarian to help respond to questions that come from users of the library's website and digital material from across the state in amounts transferred to OCA. The agency reports increased demand for the more focused research and training packages they prepare for local and county law librarians. (See also, Items Not Included in Recommendations - House #5)
8. **Legal Publications and Digital Resource Access and Expenses.** Recommendations include \$746,018 in General Revenue for the purchase of print and digital legal reference materials in amounts transferred to OCA. These costs represent a regular expense of the State Law Library to maintain the currency of the library's collection. Funding to meet these costs are frequent exceptional item request for the agency. According to library staff, the cost of print and digital resources have increased on average 5 percent to 8 percent per year.

The agency anticipates spending \$682,922 on print and digital legal reference material in 2020-21. Their baseline request for 2022-23 includes \$746,018 for print and digital spending, an increase of 9.2 percent from 2020-21 levels. The figure below shows print and digital resource expenditures and total agency expenditures for 2008–09 to the 2022-23 biennium.



In fiscal year 2014 the agency began providing remote access service through its website to 5 of its legal databases, eBooks, digitized historical statutes, and topical research guides maintained by the library staff. Information in the chart below, provided by the agency, shows the total number of new remote registrations each fiscal year since the inception of the Remote Access Program. The agency reports that registrants who have requested access to available digital resources represent 227 out of the 254 Texas counties.



**State Law Library  
Rider Highlights - House**

**New Riders**

2. **Contingency Appropriation.** Recommendations include a contingency rider that appropriate \$1,056,727 in fiscal year 2022 and \$1,056,728 in fiscal year 2023 in General Revenue funds; \$7,500 in 2022 and \$7,500 in 2023 in Appropriated Receipts; and 12.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2022 and 12.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2023; restore performance measures at 2020-21 target levels; restore Rider 2, Appropriation of Receipts: Fees and Service Charges, and Rider 4, Unexpended Balances; and restore an Exempt Salary Group 2 Director with a salary cap of \$113,298 to the State Law Library, contingent on the 87th Legislature not enacting legislation relating to transferring the duties and responsibilities of the State Law Library into the Office of Court Administration (OCA). (See Also, Selected Fiscal and Policy Issues - House #1 and #2).

**Deleted Riders**

2. **Appropriation of Receipts: Fees and Service Charges.** Recommendations delete this rider and transfer it to the Office of Court Administration.
3. **Fee Schedule, Duplication Services.** Recommendations delete this rider. The rider's provisions are reflected on the agency's website.
4. **Unexpended Balances.** Recommendations delete this rider and transfer it to the Office of Court Administration.

State Law Library  
Items Not Included in Recommendations - House

	2022-23 Biennial Total			Information Technology Involved?	Contracting Involved?	Estimated Continued Cost 2024-25
	GR & GR-D	All Funds	FTEs			

Agency Exceptional Items Not Included (in agency priority order)

1)	General Revenue to restore the agency's 5 reduction, which includes costs for (1) an equity (salary) increase for professional librarian staff withheld in 2021; (2) providing updates and subscriptions for certain legal resources; and (3) funding part of the historical digitization project previously funded and withheld in 2020-21. (See also, Selected Fiscal and Policy Issues - House #3)	\$111,234	\$111,234	0.0	No	No	\$0
2)	General Revenue to fund subscriptions consisting of 5,000 titles, including Westlaw and AILALink. (See also, Selected Fiscal and Policy Issues - House #4)	\$58,398	\$58,398	0.0	No	Yes	\$0
3)	General Revenue to purchase updates for selected titles and purchase new titles for the library's print collection. (See also, Selected Fiscal and Policy Issues - House #5)	\$150,000	\$150,000	0.0	No	Yes	\$0
4)	General Revenue to purchase an updated library-quality book scanner. (See also, Selected Fiscal and Policy Issues - House #6)	\$11,000	\$11,000	0.0	No	No	\$3,000
5)	General revenue to restore a professional librarian FTE cut in 2010. (See also, Selected Fiscal and Policy Issues - House #7)	\$124,000	\$124,000	1.0	No	No	\$0

TOTAL Items Not Included in Recommendations		\$454,632	\$454,632	1.0			\$3,000
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**State Law Library  
Appendices - House**

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\* Appendix is not included - no significant information to report



State Law Library					
Funding Changes and Recommendations by Strategy - House -- ALL FUNDS					
Strategy/Goal	2020-21 Base	2022-23 Recommended	Biennial Change	% Change	Comments
ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS A.1.1	\$2,136,047	\$0	(\$2,136,047)	(100.0%)	Recommendations transfer funding and FTEs for the State Law Library (SLL) into the bill pattern of the Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council (OCA) contingent on the enactment of legislation transferring all SLL duties, responsibilities, and functions into OCA. (See Also, Selected Fiscal and Policy Issues - House #1 and #2, Rider Highlights - House #2, and Items Not Included in Recommendations - House #1)
Total, Goal A, ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS	\$2,136,047	\$0	(\$2,136,047)	(100.0%)	
Grand Total, All Strategies	\$2,136,047	\$0	(\$2,136,047)	(100.0%)	

State Law Library  
FTE Highlights - House

Full-Time-Equivalent Positions	Expended 2019	Estimated 2020	Budgeted 2021	Recommended 2022	Recommended 2023
Cap	12.0	12.0	12.0	0.0	0.0
Actual/Budgeted	10.0	11.0	12.0	NA	NA

Schedule of Exempt Positions (Cap)					
Director, Group 2	\$106,720	\$113,298	\$113,298	\$0	\$0

- Note:
- a) Recommendations include a contingency rider in the State Law Library’s bill pattern that would appropriate 12.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2022 and 12.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2023 , contingent on the 87th Legislature not enacting legislation relating to transferring the duties and responsibilities of the State Law Library into the Office of Court Administration. (See also, Selected Fiscal and Policy Issues - House #1 and #2, Rider Highlights - House #2, and Items Not Included in Recommendations - House #1
  - b) The State Auditor's Office Report, Executive Compensation at State Agencies (Report 20-706, August 2020), indicates a market average salary of \$119,719 for the Director position at the State law Library. The report recommends retaining the same salary group.
  - c) State Auditor's Office is the source for the fiscal year 2019 and fiscal year 2020 annual average (actual) FTE levels.